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Turnu-Severin Harbor was of military importance because, [redacted] do not believe that the [redacted]

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was used solely to construct and repair tugs and barges which it were used for the Danube traffic. However, this harbor was of convenience to the Rumanian Merchant Marine and much used by that service. [redacted] a sketch of the Turru-Severin Harbor area [See Encl (A)] [redacted] pinpointed the following sites:

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Point #1 The Only Entrance to the Harbor Area. The entrance was guarded by militiamen armed with rifles or pistols. Only shipyard workers, harbor employees, sailors and occasional passengers were admitted through the gate. The shipyard workers had to go directly into the shipyard area without loitering in the harbor area.

Point #2 The Sovrom Office. This single-story building was constructed of cement-covered brick, and had a low hipped, tile covered roof. It measured approximately twelve by eight meters. This building was equipped with a radio transmitter and had four or five offices. The following sections were in the Sovrom office building: the Sovrom representative's section, the materials section, registry section and the radio section. The Sovrom representative who was also in charge of political affairs was a Rumanian (name unknown). This building was not guarded.

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- #3 The Customs Office. This building was constructed of brick, was a single-story structure and had a hipped tile covered roof. It measured approximately 12 by eight m, and was located about four m distance from Point #2. Besides the customs office, the office of the Chief of Harbor Militia was probably located there.
- #4 Double Track Normal Gauge Rail Line. This track crossed Point #1 at ground level. The railroad station, not shown on this sketch, was located west of the street of Point #1.
- #5 The Harbor Master's Office. This building also contained the supply, finance and personnel sections of the Sovrom transport company. It was constructed, and had the same dimensions, as the building mentioned in Point #2, above. This building was located about two m from Point #3.
- #6 Fence. This fence was a wooden board fence about 1.5 m high. It probably surrounded the whole harbor area.
- #7 Street. This street was surfaced with granite stone, about four m wide, and was in good condition.
- #8 Park Area. It extended across the street of Point #1 westward and northward to the outskirts of the town. The distance between the southern border of this park and the fence at Point #6, was approximately eight m. The width of the park area (north - south direction) was about 200 m.
- #9 The SDGP Transport Company Office. The SDGP is a Soviet water transport company. The SDGP office building was constructed of cement-covered brick, was a single story structure, and had a gabled, tile-covered roof. It measured approximately 14 by six m. The distance between this building and the building at Point #5 was approximately 10 m.
- #10 Storage Building. This building served as a storage space for material (not freight) used by the SDGP. The building was of the same construction, appearance and size as the building mentioned in Point #9.
- #11 Rail Track. This was a single track normal gauge rail line spur, extending from the rail line. Point #4, in the harbor area. [REDACTED]
- #12 The Sovrom Shipyard. This area extended about 40 m north - south and 200 m east - west. Construction and repair of Danube tugs and barges were undertaken at this shipyard. [REDACTED] this installation operated 24 hours a day and [REDACTED] 3,000 to 4,000 people were employed there. [REDACTED] the manager of this installation was a Russian (name unknown). There was a wooden board fence, approximately two to two and one half m high along the eastern side of the shipyard area. The gate, located in front of the building at Point #12A, was guarded by a shipyard guard, who possessed no visible weapons.

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#12A Building. This building was constructed of brick, and had a sheet metal roof. The building extended about 10 m in a north - south direction. It probably contained offices. West of this building [REDACTED] a brick smokestack extending at least 12 m above this structure. [REDACTED]

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#13 Two Repair Barges. These two barges were tied at the quay near the shipyard. They were equipped with repair facilities for vessels (details unknown).

#14 Frontier Troops Office Building. This building was constructed of cement-covered brick, was a single-story structure and had a sheet metal roof (gabled). It measured approximately eight by six m. Frontier troops guarded the harbor area.

#15 Two Pontoons. The pontoons were of metal construction and had wooden decks. They served for embarkation and debarkation of personnel.

#16 Harbor Sanitary Service Building. This building was constructed the same as that building mentioned in Point #14. The area between building Point #14 and #16, approximately six by six m, was cement surfaced and had a sheet metal roof. There were no walls on the northern and southern sides.

#17 The Quay. It was of granite stone construction, and about eight m wide, extending about 100 m eastwards from the shipyard's area, Point #12. The quay was approximately three m above water level (depth of the river along the quay unknown).

#18 Storage Building. This building was constructed of cement-covered brick, was a single story structure and had a gabled, tile covered roof. It measured about 14 by six m. This building was used by Sovrom for storage of equipment, such as signal lights, cables, accumulators and distilled water.

#19 Storage Building. This building was of the same construction as the building mentioned in Point #18 and was used by Sovrom for the same purpose.

2. The area between the street at Point #7 and the quay at Point #17 was surfaced with granite stone. One row of trees extended along the middle of this area in an east - west direction. The harbor area, located on the southern outskirts of Turnu-Severin, extended eastward and westward from the harbor center. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There were no piers protruding from the quay into the stream. The basin was located about 500 m downstream from the shipyard's area (Point #12). [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it could accommodate about 40 barges and tugs (hearsay information). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Passenger boats operated only downstream from Turnu-Severin. [REDACTED] Rumanian Infantry and Air Force troops and Soviet ground forces personnel, but can give no details. [REDACTED]

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Enclosure (A): [REDACTED] sketch of Turnu-Severin [4438N-2240E] Harbor Area

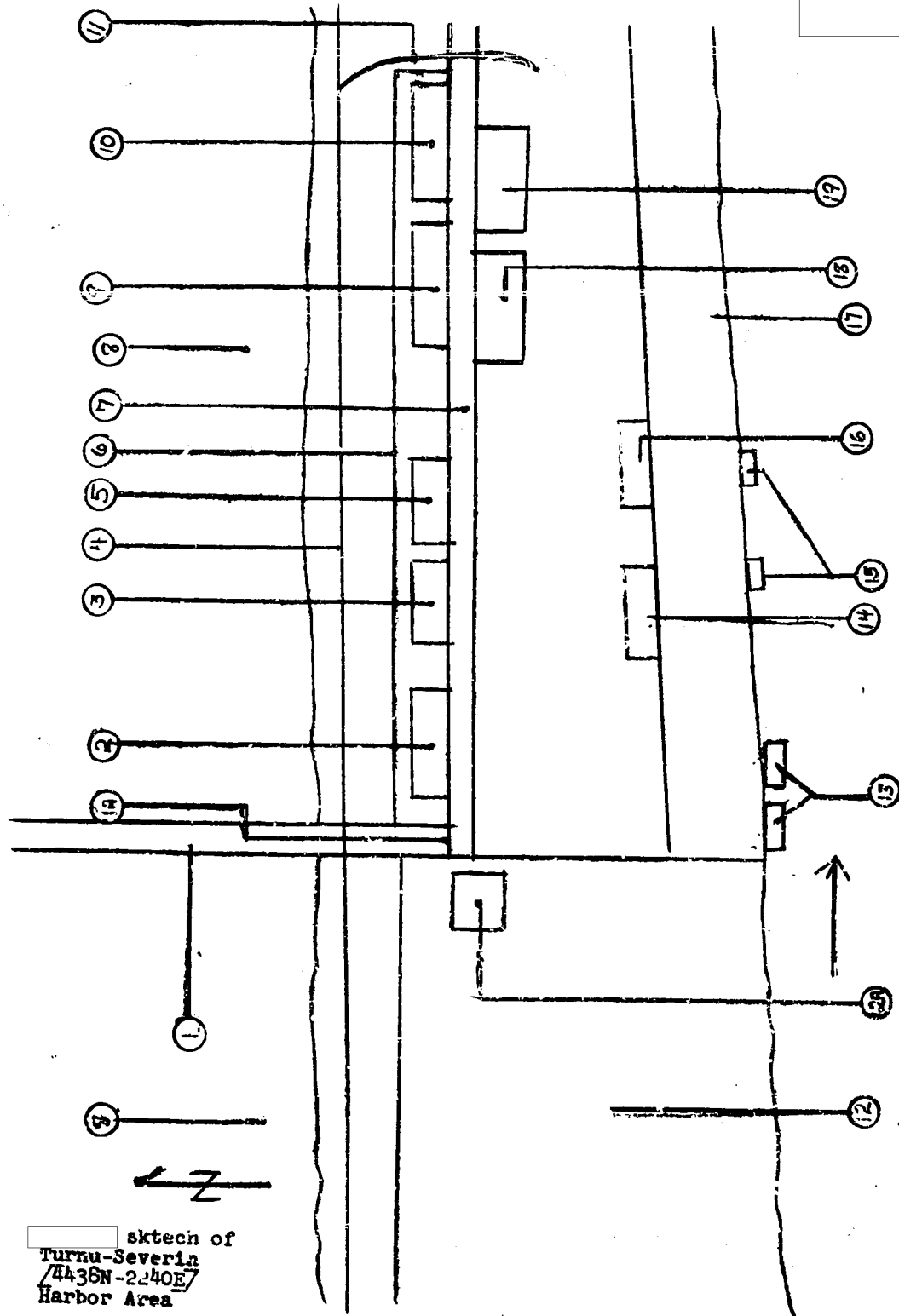
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